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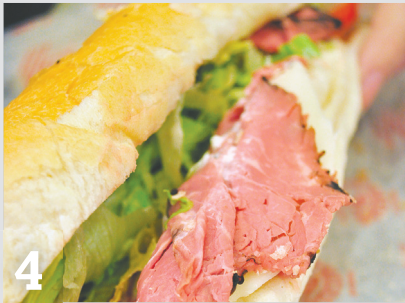
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# Briefing

“To quote that **great philosopher** Tim McGraw, ‘We like it. We love it. We want some more of it.’”

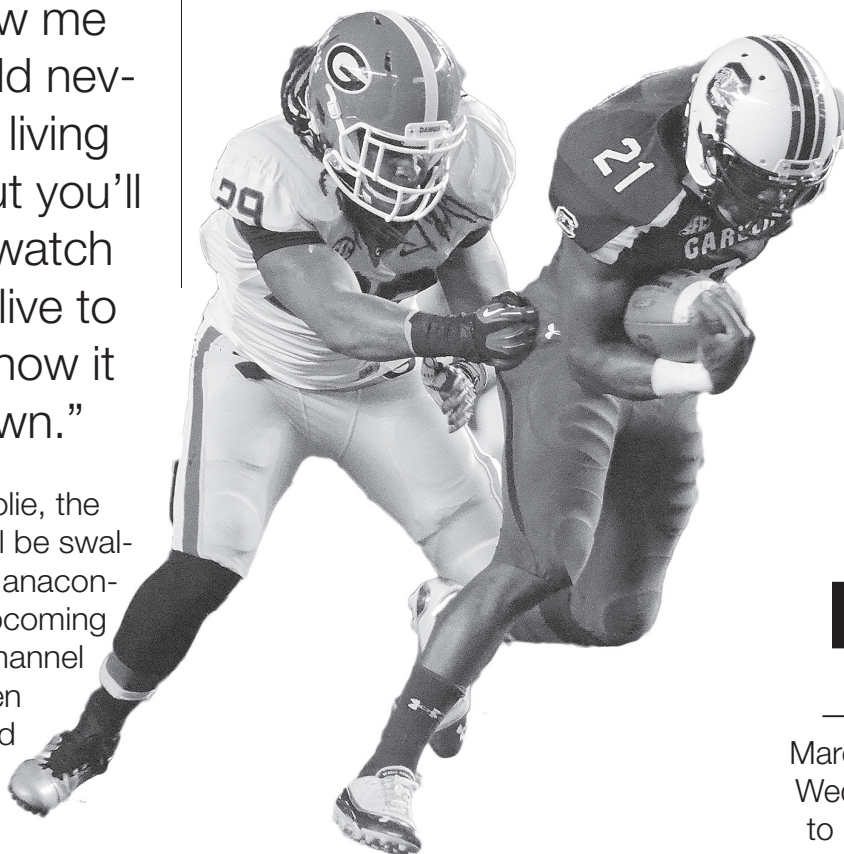
— Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster on Governor Nikki Haley’s re-election, after the gubernatorial race was called one minute after polls closed

“When the courts do not let the people resolve new social issues like this one, they perpetuate the idea that the heroes in these change events are judges and lawyers.”

— Judge Jeffrey Sutton in the 2-1 majority opinion of the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals upon its decision to uphold four states’ bans on same-sex marriage

“If u know me — I would never hurt a living thing. But you’ll have to watch #EatenAlive to find out how it goes down.”

— Paul Rosolie, the man who will be swallowed by an anaconda for the upcoming Discovery Channel special “Eaten Alive,” posted on Twitter



“I have decided it’s time to end my professional football career.”

— Former South Carolina running back Marcus Lattimore in a statement released Wednesday, announcing he would return to USC to finish his public health degree

“Benthall should have known that those who hide behind the keyboard will ultimately be found.”

— FBI Assistant Director-in-Charge George Venizelos on the arrest of Blake Benthall, operator of illegal goods-trading website Silk Road 2.0



*Gamecock Cuisine*

# An old fave: Beezer's Gourmet Sandwich Shop



**Founder Brandon Coomey sheds light on store's origin, how sandwiches are made daily**

Lois Carlisle  
@LOISCARLISLE

It was a Monday night at around 6 p.m. when I stumbled out of the cold into the warm, welcoming light of Beezer's. The sub shop shone like a beacon at the foot of the Horseshoe on Sumter Street. Even before I opened the door, the smell of fresh bread and sub sauce was recognizable. Owner and operator Brandon Coomey was in the kitchen, calling out orders to be filled in 30 seconds or less. I ordered a Cattleman's Classic, received my sandwich and took a seat. Of the six people in line behind me, four ordered Godfathers, had their loyalty cards punched and were out the door again.

When Coomey walked through the kitchen door and sat down across from me, he looked skeptical. But when I told him this was my second consecutive dinner from Beezer's, he warmed up. When asked why he opened Beezer's, Coomey said, simply, "Stupidity."

Coomey has been in the food business since he was 12 years old. As he put it, the man has a "PhD in the restaurant business." His family worked in food, and he himself has worked in almost every type of restaurant imaginable. His background is in upscale eats, (he once catered a party of 500 on the White House lawn) but since its founding 1998, Beezer's has been serving affordable food to Columbia.

Coomey isn't from around here though. He went to school at Purdue in Indiana, spent time in Virginia Beach and thought about settling down in North Carolina's research triangle when the idea of Beezer's took shape. Coomey knew exactly what he wanted his restaurant to be — he just didn't know where to put it. Then, one rainy afternoon in 1998 over spring break at USC, he and his then-girlfriend drove by the vacant shop front on Sumter and she said, "That's it."

The rest was history.

"I wouldn't do this again," he said. Don't get him wrong. In the '90s, and there were very few restaurants around the block on which Beezer's sits. The sparse competition allowed Beezer's to carve



out its niche and to put down roots. Beezer's was and remains the only sub shop close to campus to offer delivery until the wee hours of the not-so-sober morning.

The menu looks complex, but Coomey assured me that it's simpler than it seems. For the past 16 years, Beezer's offerings have stayed primarily the same, only having switched out two sandwiches in the restaurant's lifetime.

"I'm a believer in 'If it ain't broke, don't even look at it,'" he said.

Beezer's only has one oven and one make table. The stock inventory list for Coomey's convenience store next door is 15 pages long. Beezer's inventory is three pages. Including sprouts, Beezer's only carries four veggies, and with that, they're able to make what's been called the best vegetarian sub in town, the What's Up Doc? According to Coomey, the restaurant goes to 30,000 pounds of ham per year and just as many chocolate chip cookies. "If we can't make it in 30 seconds, it won't make the menu," he said.

"You can't go into a lab to design and manufacture anything better for college students," he said. As far as speed, quality and price, Coomey insisted that nothing compares. When it comes to price, Coomey takes pride in keeping his low.

"You should be able to eat a Godfather every day," he said.

His primary business is the college crowd. "We're here for students. When it's Christmas or spring break or summer break, we notice," he said. "The downtown crowd is nice, but we rely on [students]. I don't think we thank y'all enough."

I asked Coomey how he felt to be on the official USC bucket list. "The official what?" he said.

I told him about #95, Order Beezer's after 2 a.m. "It should say, 'You should have already ordered [Beezer's]," he said. "Sober."

But in all seriousness, Coomey didn't come across as a crying kind of guy, but I could have sworn he welled up for a second. "It's an honor," he said. "If a college student who only has \$5 in his wallet decides to give you that money, it's a great honor."

This wasn't the first time Coomey was moved by a gesture from the student body. A few years back, Coomey recalled at Christmas time, a group of students who came into the restaurant and asked if they could sing to him. Coomey remembered being a little taken aback by the request, but when the group began to sing, he was almost brought to tears. What they sang were Christmas carols that had been appropriated with lyrics about their favorite sub shop.

"To this day, I'm moved by it," he said, then tried to downplay the obvious hold he has over intellectual taste buds. "I mean, c'mon, man — I'm



Kamila Melko | Weekender

just a guy in a ball cap and a T-shirt."

His upcoming project to return that love to students is called Subs for Slogans. If you've ever been to Beezer's, then you're familiar with the sports/inspirational quotes theme the restaurant has going on. Some of the slogans may come off as cheesy when you read them to yourself, but when Coomey says them, they're about as far from cliché as quotes can get.

"Slogans directly affect me," he said. Which is why, in the near future, Coomey will issue a call for slogans from patrons. "They don't even have to purchase a sub," he said. All you'll do is go in, ask for a form, write out your proposed slogan or inspirational saying and turn it in.

Every month, Coomey will select one entry to win a \$50 gift card. After a year, he'll evaluate the 12 winning slogans and choose one grand prize winner. That person will receive free subs every week for a year, plus their slogan will become a permanent part of the Beezer's décor.

As well as showing that love, Coomey also wants to find a way to hear out customers' needs in order to better meet expectations.

"What can I do more?" he asked.

Almost serendipitously, Springsteen's "Born in the U.S.A." began to play over the stereo system. No joke. In my opinion, you'd be hard pressed to find a restaurant owner who cares more about students in this city than Brandon Coomey. Though, I don't think he'd ever admit to that.

And finally, to all of us who do call after 2 a.m. looking for a T-Bird or Godfather, Coomey has two things to say. First, "Thanks," and second, "Why don't you order two?"

## WHAT YOU WANT

The Godfather

Salami and two types of ham — \$5.40

The Cattleman's Classic

Roast beef — \$5.40

What's Up Doc?

Sprouts, veggies, cheese, avocado — \$4.40

Be sure to ask for a Lucky 7 Card. As Coomey put it, "You're free to roam to and from Beezer's as you please," and for every seven subs you purchase, you get an eighth free.





# Reclaimed Runway goes green in style

Sustainable Carolina  
helms eco-friendly  
fashion show

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Olivia Skotteland | Weekender

Halloween may be over, but the costume contests aren't — Reclaimed Runway, a fashion show of clothing made almost entirely of recycled materials, ran at Russell House Thursday night. The event was hosted by Sustainable Carolina, a collection of campus organizations and students striving to transform USC into a sustainable campus.

Reclaimed Runway is a part of No Impact Week, six days of challenges and events that encourage students to live a life with little to no impact on the environment.

Veronica Farrell, a third-year environmental science student, was a participant in this year's event, and though she admitted to not knowing much about design, the recycling aspect was easy for her.

"For the participants from the design school, I saw the amazing creativity the recycling and upcycling requirements of this fashion show brought out in them, working with the most unlikely materials," Farrell said.

Participants came from all different departments of the university, which created a diverse group of

designers and participants.

"I am looking forward to seeing our outfit make its way down the runway," Farrell said before of the show. "It might not be the prettiest, most detailed or most structurally sound — none of us are designers — but it was a blast to make."

Farrell is an Eco-Representative who was elected by her residence hall government to promote sustainability in residence halls. She was the organizer of the EcoReps' design submission for the fashion show.

"We were really excited to participate because this week is a big one for EcoReps," she said. "I enjoyed spending time with my fellow EcoReps, trying to come up with something out of nothing. Everyone contributed a unique idea that I think is seen in our outfit."

Anne Coleman, a second-year retail and fashion merchandising student, participated in this event for the second time this year and enjoyed the creative process as much as she did seeing all the other designs.

"My inspiration was from a Zac Posen original couture gown," she said. "It reminded me of gowns from the Louis XVI time period. For my recycled component, I chose fashion magazines because they are fun, colorful, and they serve as a contrast to the time period that was my inspiration."

The runway featured all kinds of dresses, from the ostentatious to the restrained, and all were impressive in their own way. Still, the judges had to name the winners. Amelia Shuler and her model Hannah Wessler took third place, Chilean exchange students Valeria Salas Guzman and Francisca Toro Forbes and their model Daniela Estrada Jaramillo took second, and Katherine Galang and her model Monica Gapud took first.

Galang used duct tape, plastic wrap, trash bags and newspaper to make her dress that she created over just four days. Galang is a computer science student, but she shares her passion with fashion design.

"I've always loved fashion," she said. "I wanted to be a fashion designer at one point, but I was like, 'I love technology, too.' It's a second love."

# Ask Dailey

@askdailey

This week, Dailey tackles a few how-to queries:

1. How to correctly spend on a credit card

2. When Cook-Out cleans you out, it might be time to fiscally slow down

**Q** Basically, my dad wants to kill me because I spent way too much on my credit card. I literally have no idea how I spent so much money, but it's a lot. What can I do to keep track of my money?

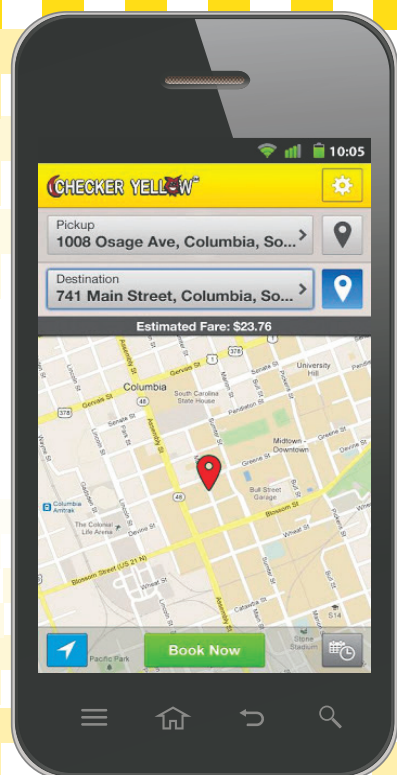
— Credit Crazy Chris

**A** Listen, plastic is your worst enemy. You have no idea how much you're really spending until you think to check it online or you get an insane bill. You got the insane bill and now you know it's probably better to take out cash. Only allow yourself to take out a certain amount every week and actually stick to it. You may not be used to keeping track of money yet, but you'll learn to keep it in the back of your mind. Remember: credit cards should be for emergencies, not just to fuel you to do or buy whatever you want.

**Q** I am broke. The last time I went to Cook-Out I paid in loose change. I am comically broke most of the time because I pay my own bills and tuition, and all my money from work goes straight into living expenses. But I feel bad that I never get to hang out with my friends. I don't want to be the one who's always too broke to do anything. Help?

— Broke Betty

**A** Betty, this is college. We're all broke. Believe it or not, all your friends could probably use a night to watch movies. Well, their bank accounts could use it anyway. Tell your friends about your situation if they don't already know. It's a really difficult (but respectable) thing that you're doing, paying your own way, and your friends should respect that. You can have fun doing whatever — don't worry about going shopping all the time or going to see every movie in the theater. Window shop, go home, pull up Netflix and enjoy each other's company.



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# Weekend Calendar

## Nov. 7 — Nov. 9

### FRIDAY

#### **ARTS & DRAUGHTS**

Columbia Museum of Art, 1515 Main St.  
Fri, 7-11 p.m., Members: \$5 /  
Nonmembers: \$8

Art and alcohol go together like Vincent Van Gogh and absinthe. Arts & Draughts has everything you could want in an evening, from beer courtesy of The Whig to musical performances and scavenger hunts.

#### **TREES ON MARS ALBUM RELEASE PARTY**

New Brookland Tavern, 122 State St.  
Fri, 7:30 p.m., \$5 / \$8 under 21

Instrumental prog rock band Trees on Mars will celebrate the release of debut album "The Sapling" with a varied show, featuring alt-rock band CUSSES, the post-rock Pan and indie rock Press.

#### **THE BLUE DOGS**

Music Farm, 1022 Senate St.  
Fri, 9 p.m., \$12 - \$15

Celebrating their 25th anniversary, americana group Blue Dogs are an institution at this point. They've performed with Willie Nelson and Hootie and the Blowfish, so enjoy the experience that 25 years and a storied career brings.

### SATURDAY

#### **THRIFTED SISTERS PARTY**

Conundrum Music Hall, 626 Meeting St.  
Sat, Noon-4 p.m., Free

Vintage retailer Thrifted Sisters tries to combine high quality goods and cheap prices, a fine proposition for any shopper. They're holding a pop-up show at Conundrum this weekend, so get ready to buy a new flannel shirt.

#### **GRÜZER'S "PATH OF BUZZARDS" EP RELEASE**

Art Bar, 1211 Park St.  
Sat, 9 p.m., \$5

Metal band Grüber will be joined by Fall of an Empire, Space Coke, Black Hand Throne and Operation Transformation for the release of their new EP. Head down to Art Bar and enjoy local music and local drinks at the same time.

#### **SWIMMING & DIVING VS. EAST CAROLINA, COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON**

Carolina Natatorium/Blatt P.E. Center  
Sat, Noon, Free

The men and women of the South Carolina swimming and diving team will both be in action at home Saturday, hosting College of Charleston and East Carolina.

### SUNDAY

#### **CIRQUE DU SOLEIL: VAREKAI**

Colonial Life Arena, 801 Lincoln St.  
Sun, 1:30 and 5 p.m., prices from  
\$29.50 to \$122

The artistically ambitious performance group Cirque du Soleil are in Columbia, and they're presenting their take on the Icarus myth Friday through Sunday. Marvel at the acrobatics and acting on display and absorb the elaborate art direction.

#### **BIRDMAN**

The Nickelodeon, 1607 Main St.  
Sun, 5:30 and 8:30 p.m., \$8

Michael Keaton has quietly been a huge talent for decades, and with Alejandro González Iñárritu's new film about a former superhero actor making one last try at legitimacy and fame, he may have finally found the perfect vehicle for himself.

#### **VOLLEYBALL VS. ALABAMA**

Carolina Volleyball Center  
Sun, 4 p.m., free with CarolinaCard

The South Carolina volleyball team will look to end its two-game losing skid Sunday when it hosts the Alabama Crimson Tide. The Gamecocks are 15-9 in the year and aim to gain ground in the conference standings.





# Frugal fashion

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With the ever-increasing cost of school books and the “requirement” for a new I>Clicker every semester, how can students be expected to spend even more on clothes? Though it may seem tempting to come to class in pajamas or wear the same shirt four days in a row, lack of funds doesn’t have to be an excuse for lack of fashion sense. Here are three easy ways for students to stay fashionable and thrifty.



Kamila Melko | Weekender

## 1. Layering

Used by designers and average Joes alike, layering is a great way to stay fashionable, while stretching the same outfits through the four seasons. When shopping, try to find pieces that can be versatile — summer tank tops can be worn in both spring and fall with a light cardigan over top. This goes for both men and women because guys, we all know you like to wear tank tops too. Layering can also expand your options for outfits. You may have worn that shirt yesterday, but add a cardigan, a different tie or some statement jewelry and no one will ever know.

## 2. “Upcycling”

The Pinterest term “upcycling” is the process of converting old or useless products to something new or of better quality. It’s easy to “upcycle” a worn-out winter wardrobe for a fashionable new summer one that helps beat the heat. Guys and girls, make some cut-off shorts out of that old pair of pants that are worn down and scraggly or the ones now show off your ankles. Long sleeve shirts are potential tank tops. And for those who like arts and crafts, small embellishments like studs, rhinestones and patches can make any old clothing item look unique.

## 3. Thrifting

There’s a reason thrift shops still have clothes from before you were born: clothes were made with much sturdier and better quality fibers back then. It’s very likely that the second-hand shirt you bought yesterday will outlast the Forever 21 shirt you just got, and it’ll cost you less. Fashion is a never-ending cycle — what was fashionable when your mom was in college is likely fashionable again now. Second-hand pieces are also great for both “upcycling” and layering — look at each piece of clothing as a work in progress and your options will open up.

See the Thrift Map on page 10 for locations **WE**



# POP SOME

# TAGS

Take a journey through  
Columbia's thrift stores  
with this handy map

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Old clothing works a lot like new clothing, except it's usually comfier and a heck of a lot cheaper. Why buy an expensive new Banana Republic cardigan when you can pick one up for a fraction of the price at Goodwill, or better yet, buy a goofy sweater instead? That's part of the magic of thrift shops – you never know what you're going to find, making every excursion an adventure. All it takes is persistence and discipline to get your hands on some excellent finds. If you're looking for diamonds in the rough, check out one of the area's numerous Goodwill stores. If you're willing to pay a bit more for consistent finds, see consignment stores like Sid n' Nancy. And if you're fine with spending some time to update your wardrobe for cheap, hit up every thrift store around town and search for buried treasure.



Day Trip:

# Hiking



***Get out of the stifling city, hike into the wild with daylong hiking trip to Peachtree Rock Heritage Preserve***

Morgan Smith  
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With just a few more weeks of the semester, crunch time is upon us. And we can't think of a better way to relax and get some fresh air than going for a hike. It's the perfect time of year — the trees are shedding their beautifully-colored leaves, and the weather is practically begging us to come outside.

Just right down the road in Lexington, South Carolina is a place called Peachtree Rock Heritage Preserve. The nature reserve is filled

with wildlife, plants and rocks. Follow the trail to find yourself under a small waterfall or climbing up to the top to see the creek.

The Preserve features a huge rock whose bottom layer eroded faster than its top, giving the rock its strange formation. It was formed by erosion when the Atlantic Ocean receded long ago. The Rock recently broke off of its base but still remains at the entrance of the park.

Not entertained by gigantic historical rocks? Don't worry — the park also has walking trails great for biking, walking or running. Put your dog, cat or lizard on a leash and take them out. Or just grab some headphones and go for a run. Switch up the scenery and go someplace beautiful while the weather is still nice!

## DIRECTIONS

From Russell House, 1400 Greene Street  
Drive time: 29 minutes

Turn right onto Greene Street, then right onto Blossom Street

Continue onto US-176 E/US-21

Take a slight right onto SC-302/Airport Blvd

Follow SC-302 for around 10 miles

Turn left onto Boiling Springs Road

Take the second right onto Peachtree Rock Road  
From the parking area, blue and orange markers lead you to the rock. The orange dots mark a 0.5 mile trail, and the blue dots mark a 1.5 mile trail.

For GPS directions, use the following address: 883 Peachtree Rock Road, Lexington, SC, 29073.



# How to: ask your parents for money

*Work on  
getting  
that moolah  
from Ma  
and Pa*

Artie Braswell

@TDG\_ARTS

**I**n college, students learn just as much about themselves as they do about the world around them. Maybe you learned how great of a tipper you can be after one too many rounds of trivia. Or maybe you learned that free football tickets don't mitigate the three \$4 bottled waters you had to buy in the first quarter. Or that your minimum wage job and student loan can't entirely finance your Labor Day blowout, your fall break blowout and your Election Day blowout. Or maybe all the things you've learned so far have been such a blur, and all you have to show for it is a parent-sized hole in your wallet. Well, you're a college student now and you're determined to take responsibility and get yourself out of this situation ... by calling mom and dad.

## Plan your request

The call home asking for money will likely be an arduous task. It will be the ultimate struggle in maneuvering passive-aggression, taming your pride and promoting whatever quasi-independent state you've cooked up for yourself so far. Such an endeavor will take hard work in order to be successful. You know your parents, you used to share a roof with them. But now, you're equipped with all sorts of rhetorical skill and mental acuity from USC that will be sure to make them play right into your hand. Right?

## Make the call

So, you're well-rehearsed and ready to phone home. Find a time and a location that's as silent as possible so it doesn't sound like you're distracted or around friends slipping in a quick call to your folks. Then get those fingers dialing and that big mouth flapping. The classic mistake is to lay on the love too thick early on. The call-and-response between "my beautiful, adoring mother" and a dead dial tone is almost musically familiar.


## Diverge, diverge, diverge

Once you've snuck past suspicion, get off topic quick. Any slight pause will induce the "So, what are you really calling about?" question, and we all know you're not quick enough to play that one smoothly. Talk about all the hard work you're doing, the lack of sleep you've had — any pity you can induce from your parents, any pride you can instill. This will bring back the bacon from home.

## Segue

This is the most challenging part of the conversation if you've milked the divergence right. Once you can hear their pride on the other end of the line, it's now time to bring the whole thing back to focus. A good "Speaking of ..." "You know what rhymes with ..." or "Excuse me one second, I'm being robbed" will surely get you the sober attention that you need from your parents when trying to get your funds authorized.

## Pop the question

At this point, you both know what you're trying to ask. Any parent would be alert to what this midweek conversation with his or her child is really about. Go ahead and ask. Make your case and clarify how hard you've been working and how dire this is. Give reasons for your request but not too many unnecessary details that demonstrate a severe discomfort in taking from the feeding hand. You're an adult now, so act like it. And ask your parents for money. Nicely. 

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# Swim, dive teams in action at home this weekend

**Swimming and diving set to take on College of Charleston, East Carolina**

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The South Carolina men's and women's swimming and diving teams will face off against the College of Charleston and East Carolina this Saturday at the Blatt Natatorium.

The men's team enters Saturday at 1-1 overall, and its matchup with the Cougars will be the team's first meet since traveling to face Georgia Tech in Atlanta Oct. 17. It will also be the men's team's first meet at home.

The women will enter Saturday's meet with a 3-1 record, coming off of a victory against Florida Gulf Coast on Halloween in the team's first meet in Columbia.

Head swimming coach McGee Moody was happy after the way the women's team performed against the Eagles.

"We were pretty much as good as we could have been in just about every event tonight," Moody said. "Florida Gulf Coast is an outstanding women's program, so I'm proud of our ladies for stepping up and getting it done."

A few individuals to watch for on Saturday on the women's side include senior Victoria Mitchell—who has two wins in the 1,000 freestyle and one win in the 200 backstroke, freshman Meredith Vay, who currently holds the fastest times on the team in the 100 and 200

freestyle, and junior Ellen Johnson, who has two wins so far and holds the top time on the team in the 100 breaststroke.

Freshman Julia Vincent and senior Patricia Kanz are the diving team's top performers this season and will be the two to watch for in the one and three-meter diving events.

After Friday's meet against Florida Gulf Coast, head diving coach Todd Sherritt spoke of how the competitiveness between the two divers brought out their best.

"Patty (Patricia Kranz) did really well and had some phenomenal dives. My freshman (Marissa Roth), I'm really impressed with her," Sherritt said. "This was a very good meet for them. They were competing against each other and I really liked that."

For the men, freshman Nils Wich-Glasen comes into Saturday's matchup undefeated in both the 100 and 200 breaststroke. Redshirt Sophomore Kevin Leithold is the team's top sprinter, and sophomore Jonathan Boland and Junior Marwan El Kamash both have two wins apiece so far this season.

Wich-Glasen said he hopes to continue having a strong season and is looking forward to Saturday's meet.

"As a team we think it's going to be a really competitive meet but one that we think we can have a lot of success in," he said. "The coaches have been getting us ready this whole season and we just want to continue improving and getting better."

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# Equestrian takes on Fresno State Friday

Gamecocks look to earn winning record in second-to-last fall schedule matchup

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The South Carolina equestrian team is set to take on Fresno State Friday afternoon, taking its two-meet winning streak out west.

After beating Texas A&M on Halloween, the Gamecocks advanced their record to 2-2 overall, 2-1 in the conference. Their SEC matchups are over for the fall semester, but the team is motivated to keep the success going.

"I'm feeling really good getting ready to go on the road," head coach Boo Major said. "I think we're going to have a team that has a little bit more confidence on the reigning side."

Major also emphasized the role confidence plays in their performances when she said, "I think we need to settle down, as far as competing on the road and try to take the confidence we got [winning against Texas A&M] and against Auburn and take it with us on the road when we go against Fresno State."



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The Fresno State Bulldogs are currently 0-2 overall, 0-1 in their conference. While South Carolina holds the No. 3 slot in the National Collegiate Equestrian Association's rankings, Fresno State tumbled out of the top ten.

"We haven't been there in three or four years, so this is going to be a new experience for most of our girls," Major said. "So it's going to be a new experience for them, and they've got to be able to go out there and give it all they got."

The teams met in Blythewood last year, resulting in a 17-3 South Carolina win. However, the Gamecocks' 1-1 away record shows that Friday's matchup could go either way.

No matter the result, Major believes important lessons can be learned.

"In the long run, win or lose, it helps us prepare for SEC [matches]," she said. "It also helps us prepare for the national championship. It's much harder to get a win on the road, so anytime you can get a win on the road, you're tickled to death."

Strong performances were abundant as South Carolina fought against the Aggies. Senior Katherine Schmidt is coming off a fantastic showing, going two-for-two Friday and earning her 21st MVP honor. She's five away from breaking the team record of 26 MVPs.

Fellow senior Sam Chiodo built upon her score, now 4-0 in horsemanship. It was also a good day for freshman Bailey Walters, who earned her first collegiate win in reigning.

With many riders making leaps and bounds in their performances, morale is high for South Carolina. Self-assurance will be a large factor in how things shake out Friday afternoon.

It's hard to say how they will execute on Fresno State's home turf, yet Major has faith that her team will do whatever it takes to bring home a win.

"For us, the most valuable thing is that we're going to get more experience and a lot more confidence," she said, "and hopefully come out with a couple more wins."

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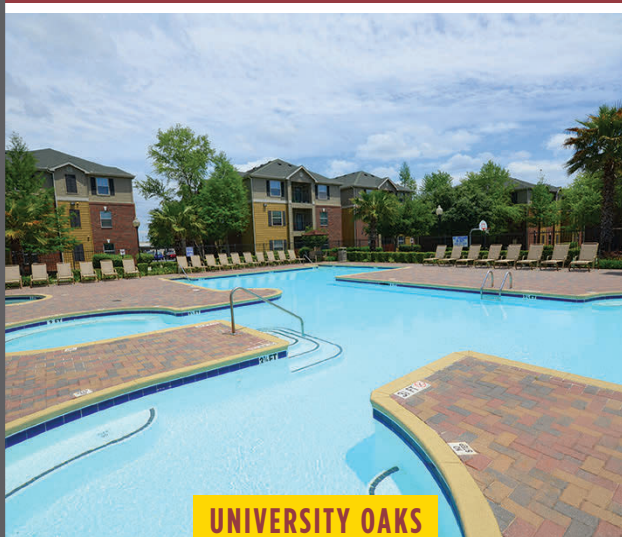
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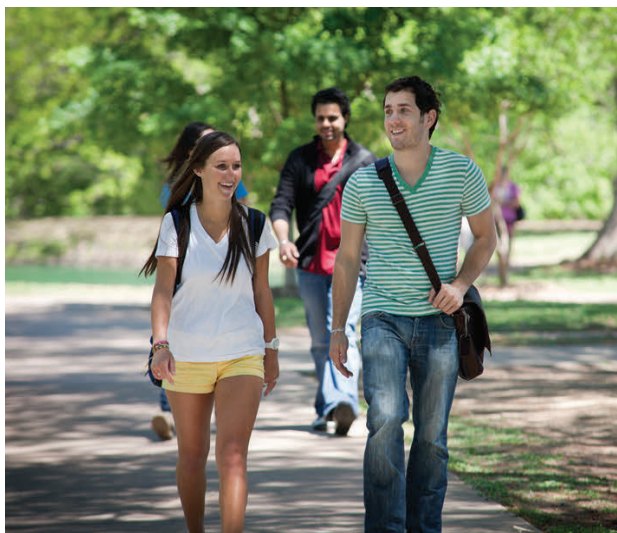
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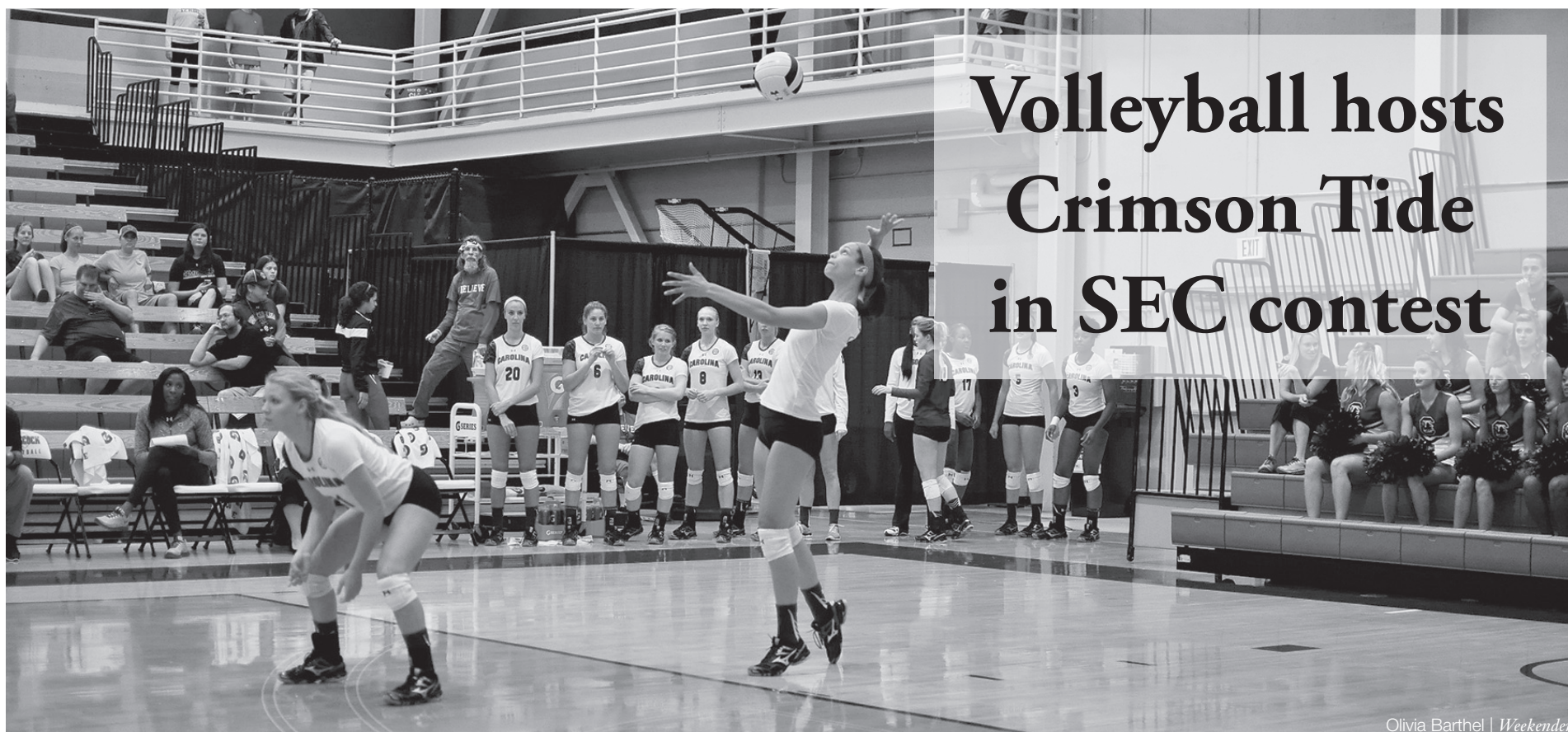
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## *South Carolina looks to use home court to gain ground in conference race*

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After suffering two consecutive conference road losses, the South Carolina volleyball team has to figure out how to stop the bleeding before it hosts Alabama Sunday.

The disappointing weekend dropped the Gamecocks (15-9, 5-6 SEC) in the standings, leaving them in a three-way tie for seventh place in the conference. A loss against the surging Crimson Tide (19-5, 7-3 SEC) would almost cripple South Carolina's chances of bouncing back in the standings, with the team still having to play two of the top conference teams in the remaining six games.

Head coach Scott Swanson said preparation for the upcoming Alabama rematch is a little "unorthodox," as the coaching staff changed things up to get the team back healthy. With injuries

taking a toll on the Gamecocks, the staff wanted to use this week to give the players some time to heal.

"We had a lot of kids who are injured, sick and coming back from injury, and we've had a rough road trip where we lost because of injuries," Swanson said. "So we decided as a staff, because we only had one match this week, we gave them three days off.

The team's first practice wasn't until Thursday, allowing the players to use the three off days to see doctors, rehab and rest their bodies. But the time off wasn't totally an off day, as Swanson still had the team watch game film on their own time.

One game South Carolina was sure to watch was its previous match against Alabama.

After losing in Tuscaloosa in four sets less than a month ago, South Carolina used all week to prepare to even the score against Alabama when they visit the Carolina Volleyball Center.

Though the Tide are in a three-game winning streak, Swanson says the Gamecocks have a chance to win if

they come into the match focused after their break.

"It would be an upset if we beat Alabama, but it's not out of the question," he said. "We have a shot to beat Alabama here if we come back healthy, refreshed and mentally prepared to do what it takes."

Swanson will have to rely on his role players if starters like sophomore Jacqy Angermiller, who's missed the last five games, still aren't able to suit up just yet. Swanson has said that the role players have been "crucial" to the team and that they have to be prepared to go if their name is once again called on.

South Carolina's conference finish won't just be in the hands of the role players, but it will also be up its starters providing vocal leadership.

Junior Darian Dozier is one of the healthy starters ready to go, and the Gamecocks hope she continues to limit opponents' scoring opportunities.

Dozier boasts an average of 1.09 conference blocks per set this season, ranking her third in the conference. Along with guarding the net, Dozier

has been one of those leaders who has blocked any morale drop by voicing to the team that they aren't the only team struggling with hardships.

"We have been a lot more vocal with everyone in what we expect," Dozier said. "We're not unique to the situation of having injuries to the team, so we just have to play through it."

Swanson said he believes his team is continuing to fight, but knows the difficulties of beating quality teams with injured starters. Facing four of the last six games on the road doesn't help the Gamecocks' chances of catapulting into the top four.

Even with a tough schedule, South Carolina is only a couple of games back from being within the top tier of the conference, a thought that's given Dozier optimism of a good team finish.

"We need to keep going and get through the adversities that we're experiencing and just finish strong," Dozier said. "It's good to end on a good note and know you gave it everything you can."



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1 "Star Trek" milieu  
6 Kermit, for one  
10 Droop  
14 "Dear me!"  
15 Pinocchio, at times  
16 "\_\_\_ out?": choice offered a pet  
17 Ships' drop-off location?  
20 Quid pro quo  
21 "If \_\_\_ told you once ..."  
22 In silence  
23 "I see," facetiously  
25 Marquis de \_\_\_  
26 TV witch series based on L.J. Smith novels  
33 Like Dylan Thomas, by birth  
34 Caustic drain unclogger  
35 Fly in the clouds  
36 Fury  
37 Helped with the dishes  
39 Calypso cousin  
40 TV warrior princess  
42 Cyclades island  
43 Can't stomach  
45 1989 Beijing protest site  
49 Roller coaster feature  
50 Brewer's kiln  
51 "Gone With the Wind" family  
54 Just fine, at NASA  
55 One of Chekhov's "Three Sisters"  
59 "Field of Dreams" field  
62 Ingrid's "Casablanca" role  
63 Unsuccessful '80s gridiron org.  
64 Caesar or Waldorf follower  
65 Small fry  
66 Flimflam  
67 Box score numbers

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1 Blubbers  
2 "That was a close one!"

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3 Home of the Taj Mahal  
4 It can point you in the right direction  
5 Student's Web address ending  
6 One of Baskin-Robbins' 31  
7 Bat mitzvah, e.g.  
8 Blade on a boat  
9 Made a pained face  
10 Bundle-up times  
11 "Picnic" Pulitzer winner  
12 Recline lazily  
13 There's only one card it can beat  
18 Tiddlywink, e.g.  
19 Autobahn car  
24 Devious laugh  
25 Eyelid irritation  
26 Between, in poetry  
27 "Ready or not, \_\_\_ come!"  
28 Justice Kagan  
29 Beethoven's "Für \_\_\_"  
30 Land by the sea, in Saragossa  
31 Staples Center player

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32 Prepare to change, as a wrong answer  
37 Jurassic beast  
38 Easy win  
41 San \_\_\_ Fault  
43 Mil. command bases  
44 Coin-operated cafeteria  
46 Bedouin, e.g.  
47 Pasta piece  
48 Notable pen name in storywriting

51 Passing remarks?  
52 Sainly symbol  
53 D.A.'s underling  
54 Politico Landon and an extraterrestrial  
56 "Damn Yankees" seductress  
57 Pesky flier  
58 Extends, with "to"  
60 The NCAA's Fighting Tigers  
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